



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022



Take your Pulse

What is your favorite Spring time scent?

What scent is maddening to you, that if you never smelled it again, it would still be too soon?

Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 12

Twice now Jesus has rebuked the Pharisees with the phrase “I desire mercy and not sacrifice.” And even as Jesus demonstrates the mercy of God, the Pharisees continue to be confused and continue to find ways to trap Jesus. It is as if the Pharisees think only a few can attain the holiness of God, and Jesus is showing them how God loves all, and the Pharisees are blinded by their own human ambition of attaining God to see that God has already shown them mercy.



Start the Thinking

What does it mean that God desires mercy and not sacrifice?



Conversing with God

God of mercy, thank you for the mercy we have received, for the love you have shown us, for the ways you draw us into your kingdom. Empower us to bring that same mercy to others, that we not demand they sacrifice their identity before they receive your mercy. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen



Be blessed

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine brightly upon you that you experience all God's grace. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen